

Drawing Amendments:

Enclosed are Marked-up Drawing Sheets containing proposed changes to FIGS. 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10 of the drawings to correct the duplicate use of reference number "68". The "cap" element is now being referenced by number "69" rather than "69", as shown in red. New drawing sheets containing the noted figures as hereby corrected are enclosed as "Replacement Sheets".

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were previously pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 are hereby cancelled. Claims 7, 10, 13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are hereby amended. Claims 7-22 remain pending.

Drawings and Specification

The drawings were objected to because the duplicative use of reference number "68". Enclosed are Marked-up Drawing Sheets containing proposed changes to FIGS. 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10 of the drawings to correct the duplicate use of reference number "68". The "cap" element is now being referenced by number "69" rather than "68", as shown in red. New drawing sheets containing the noted figures as hereby corrected are enclosed as "Replacement Sheets".

Claims

Claims 1-21 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons stated in the first three paragraphs of page 3 of the above Office action with regard to claims 1, 5 and 10-12. As mentioned above, claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled and thus the associated rejection is now moot. In addition to now depending from claim 7, claim 10 is hereby amended to recite that the lever member engages the attachment member in a socket, thereby eliminating the term "arrangement" deemed vague by the Patent Office. Thus, the §112 issues are believed to have been avoided.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 16 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by each of the Nagy patent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,588,613), the Intengan patent (U.S. Pat. No. 4,673,143) and the Langsner patent (U.S. Pat. No. 1,592,030). Claim 18 was rejected under § 103(a) as being obvious in light of the Langsner patent.

The rejected claims are hereby cancelled without consideration of the merits of the prior art rejections to advance the issuance of the allowable claims. Thus, the subject matter of those claims is cancelled without prejudice to being filed in one or more divisional applications.

Claims 7-9 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form and to avoid the § 112 issues.

Claims 7 and 13 have been so rewritten. Claims 8-12 originally depended, or are now amended to depend, from claim 7, and claims 14-21 originally depended, or are now amended to depend, from claim 13.

Original claim 22 was allowed.

Conclusion

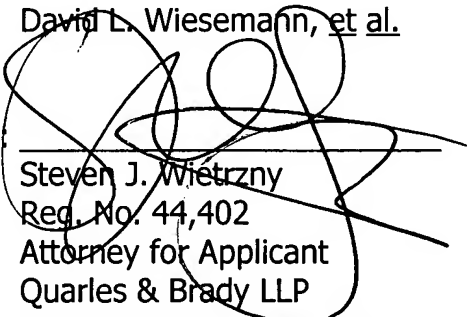
Accordingly, claims 7-22 as now amended are believed to in allowable form in light of the above remarks. Allowance of these claims is thus respectfully requested.

No fees are believed necessary for consideration of this response. Nevertheless, should any additional fees be needed for full consideration of this amendment, please charge any fees believed necessary in connection with this response to Deposit Account 17-0055.

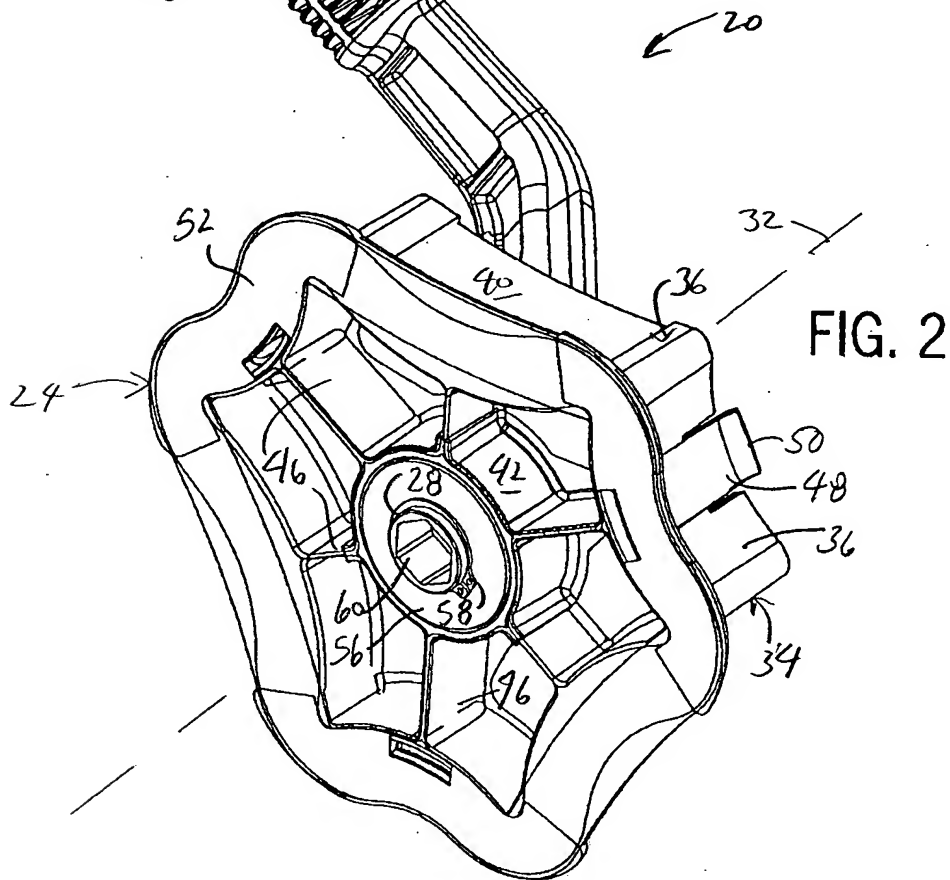
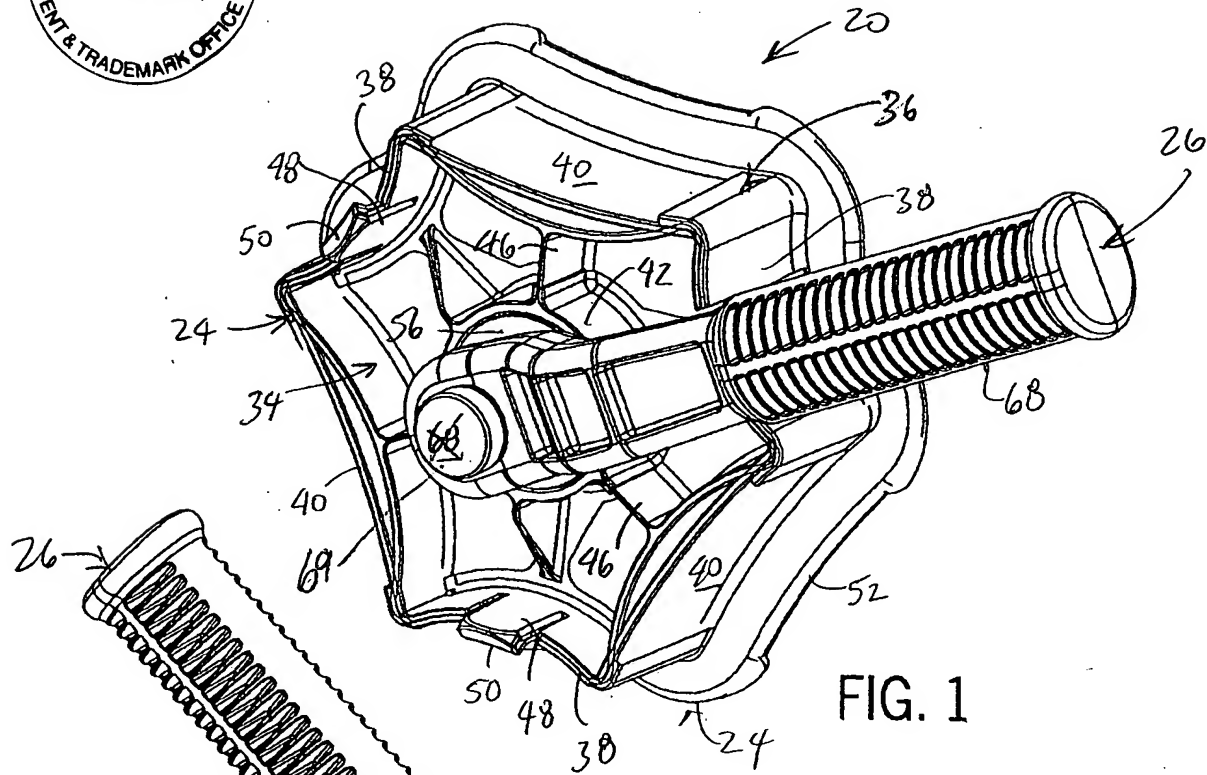
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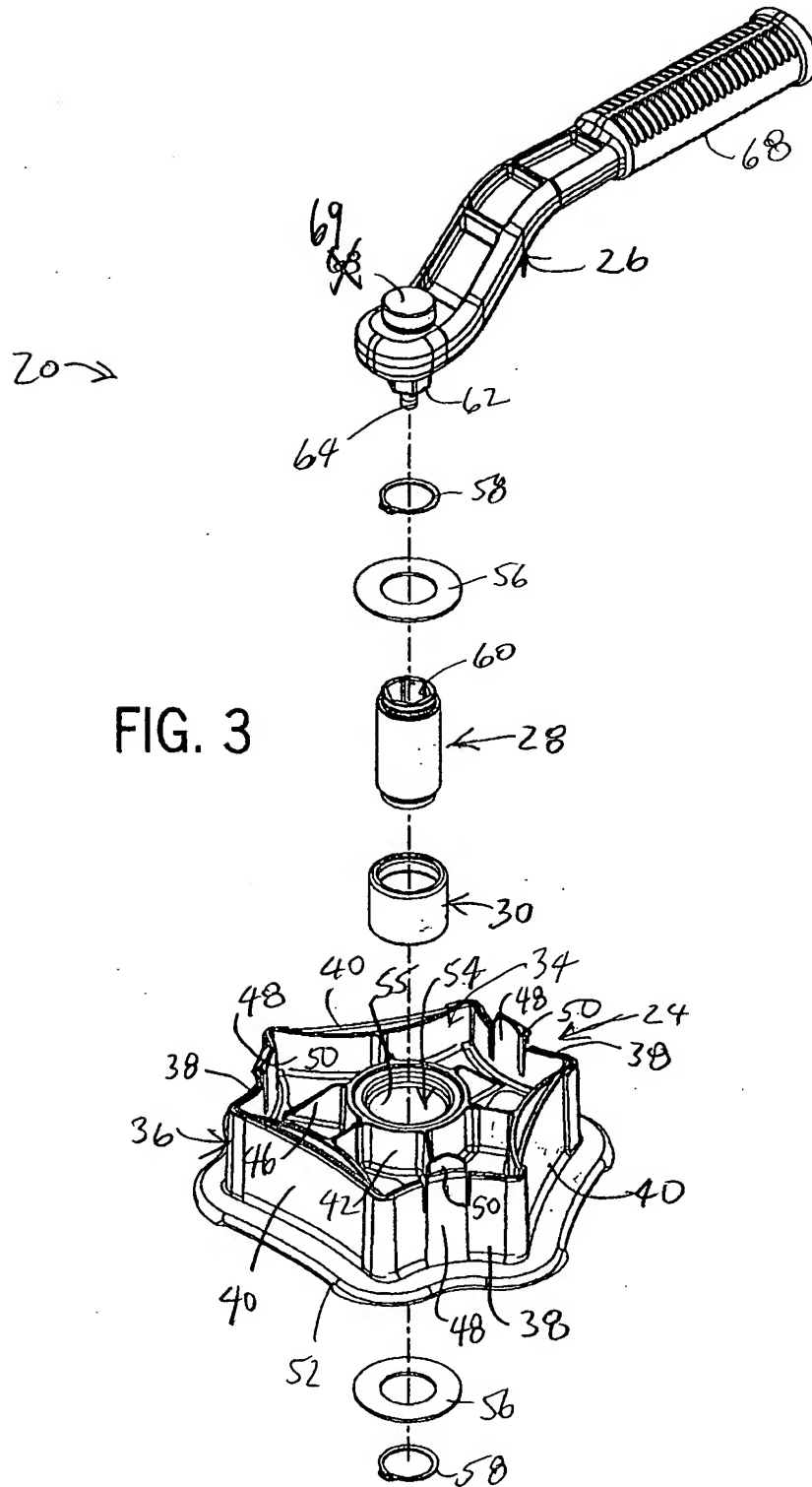
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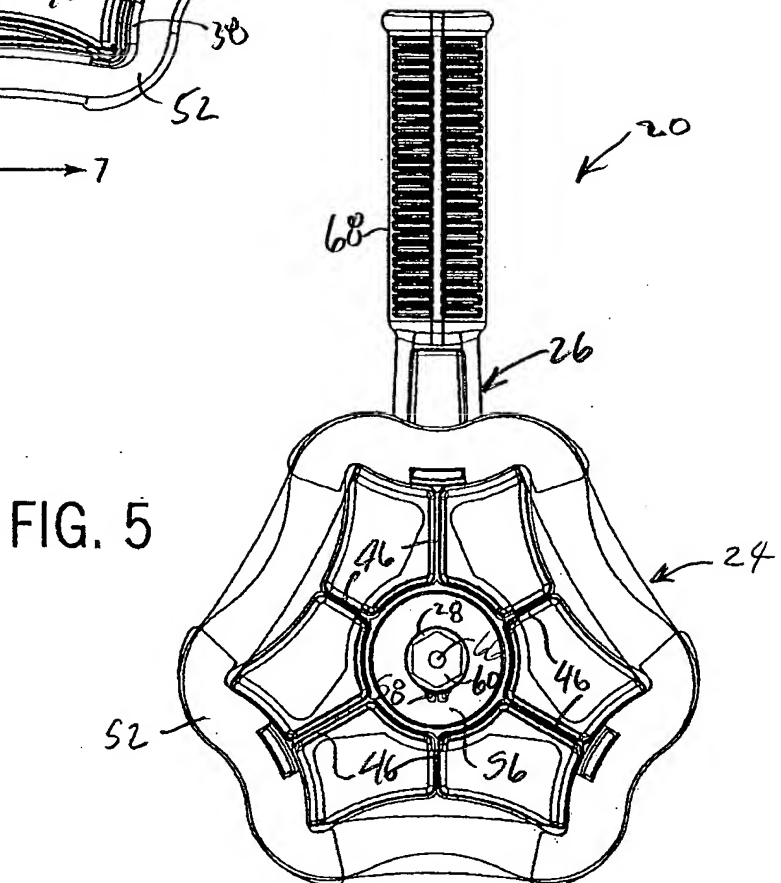
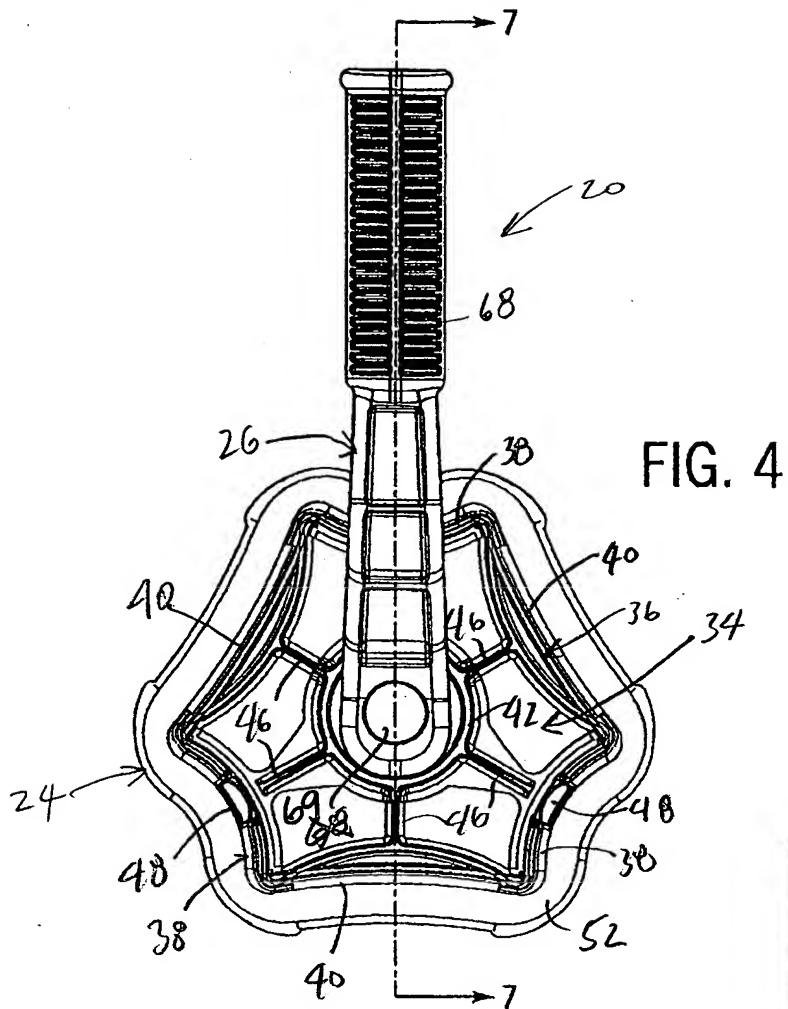
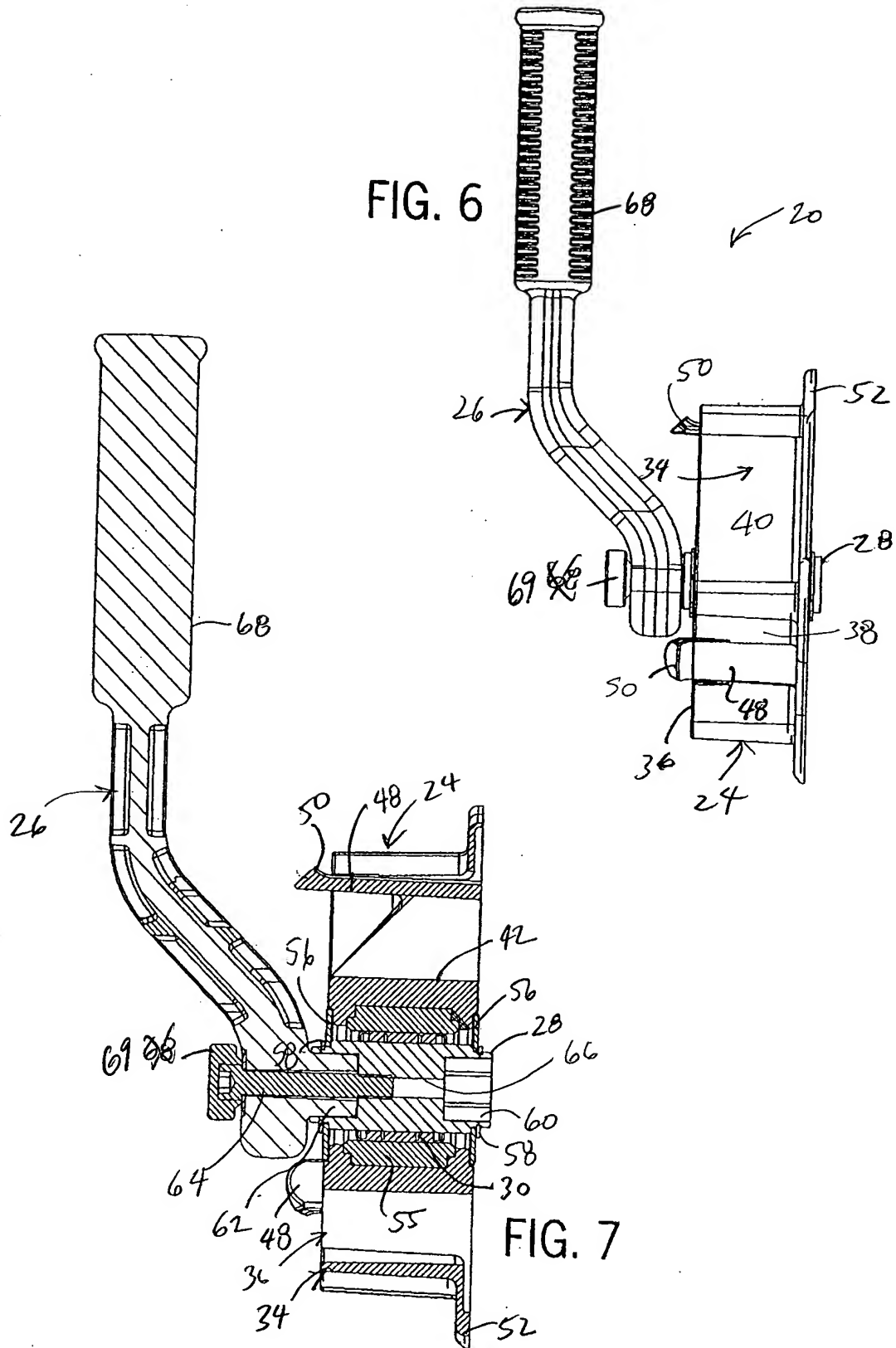
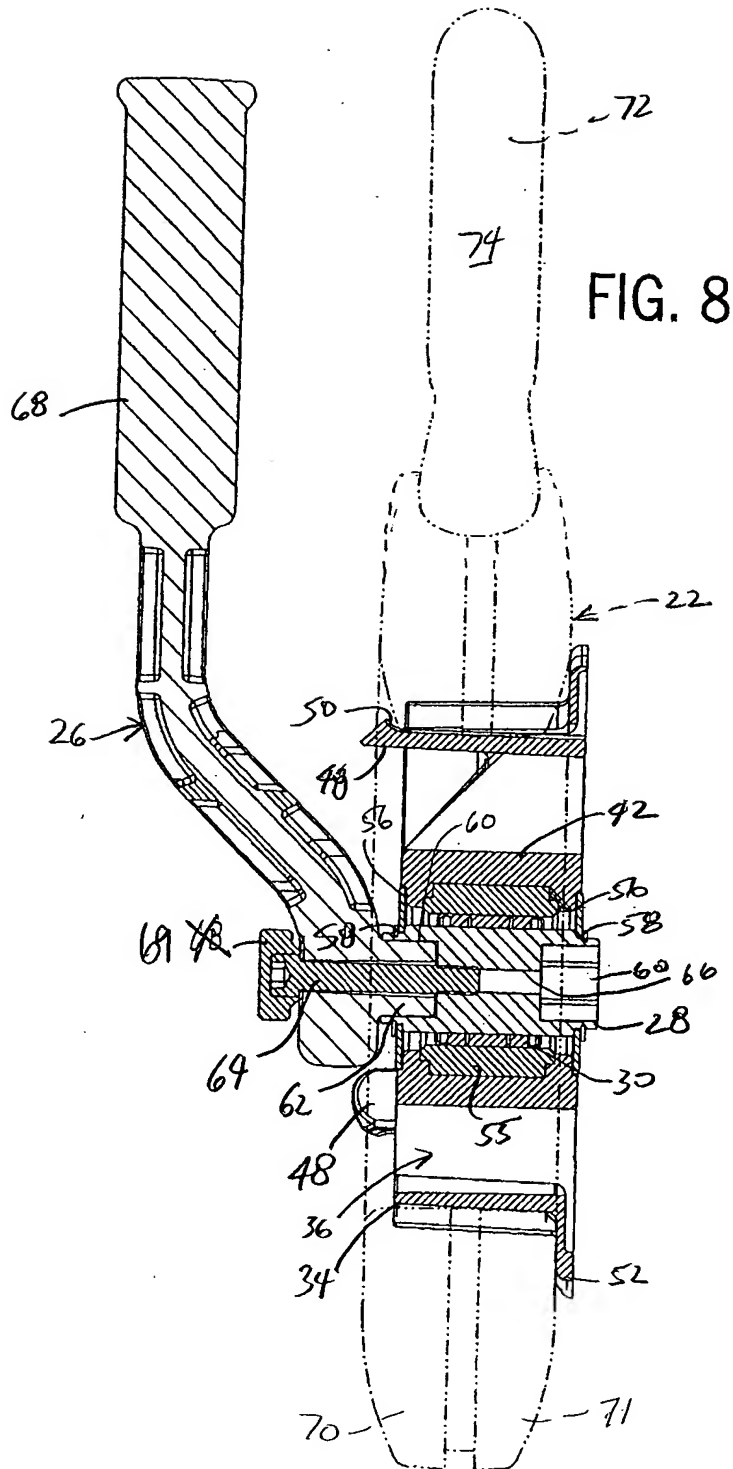


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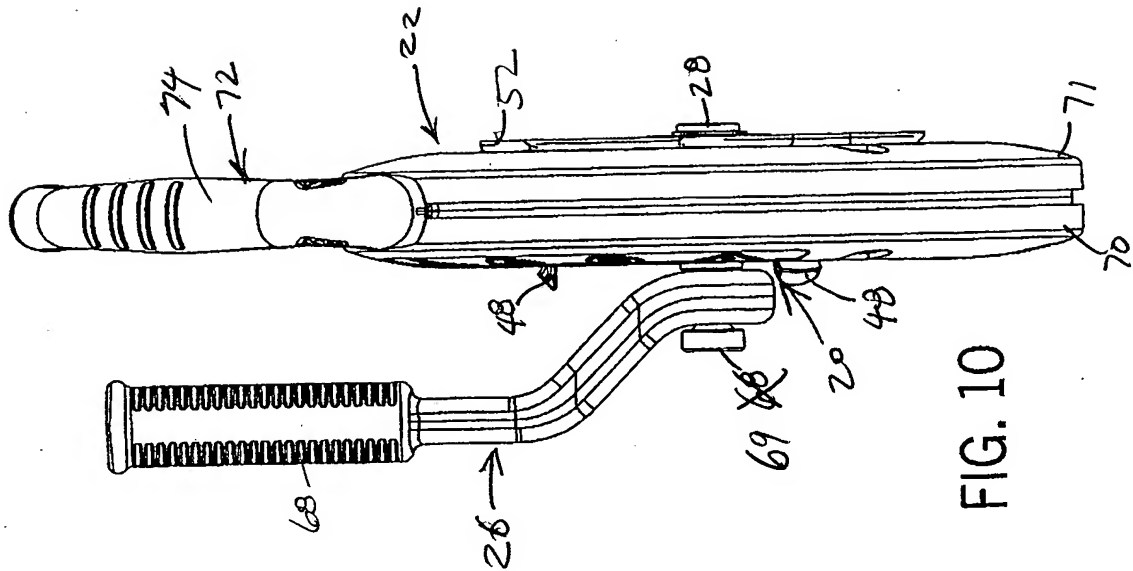


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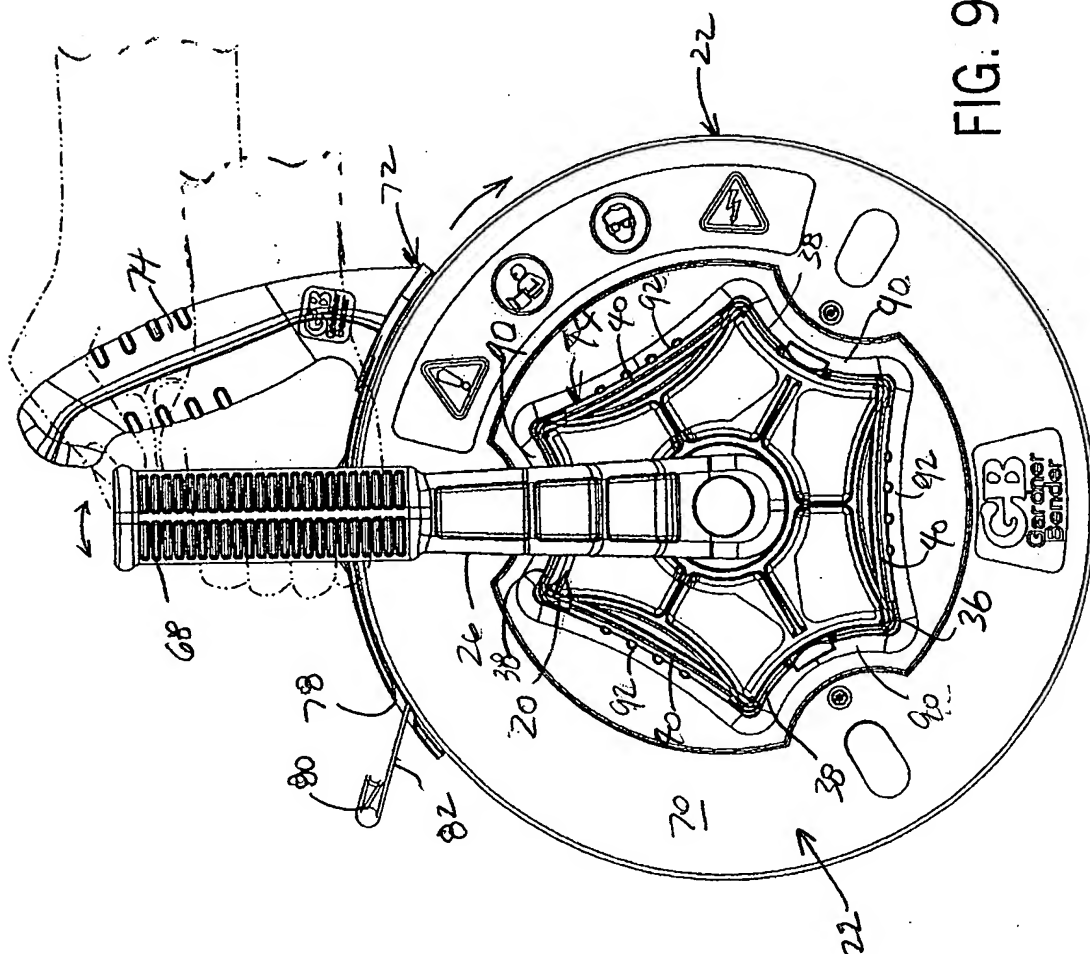


FIG. 9